AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 32 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The film scanner 12 reads an image (e.g. a negative or positive image of a photographed subject made visible by developing processing) recorded on a photographic photosensitive material (referred to below simply as a photographic film)such as a photographic film (e.g. negative or reversal). The film scanner 12 also outputs image data obtained from the reading and, as is shown in Fig. ~~1~~2, is provided with a light source 20 comprising a halogen lamp or the like for irradiating light onto a photographic film 26. Note that the light emitted from the light source includes light having a wavelength in the visible light range and light having a wavelength in the infrared light range.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 36 with the following rewritten paragraph:

An output terminal of the I/O controller 38 is connected to each of a data input ~~terminal~~ terminals of the image processor 40 and the control section 42, and also to the printer 16 via an I/F circuit 54. The ~~I/F~~I/O controller 38 selectively outputs input image data to each of the devices connected to its output terminals.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 39 which bridges over page 40 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The printer 16 is provided with image memory 58, R, G, B laser light sources 60, and a laser driver 62 for controlling the operation of the laser light sources 60. The image data for recording that has been input from the image processing device 14 is temporarily stored in the image memory ~~68~~58, read, and then used to modulate the R, G, B laser light emitted from the laser light sources 60. The laser light emitted from the laser light sources 60 is scanned onto printing paper 68 via a polygon mirror 64 and an $f\theta$ lens 66, and an image is thereby recorded by exposure on the printing paper 68. The printing paper 68 on which the image has been exposure recorded is transported to a processor section 18 where it undergoes color developing, bleaching and fixing, washing, and drying processes. As a result of this, the image that was exposure recorded on the printing paper 68 is visualized.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 55 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the next step 110, a determination is made as to whether or not to apply the interpolation method to the correction of the defect portion being processed. If the application proportion $\alpha = 0$, the determination is negative and the routine proceeds to step 114. If, however, the application proportion $\alpha \neq 0$, the determination is affirmative and the routine proceeds to step 112 where correction value deciding processing is performed using the interpolation method. A

description will now be given with reference made to the flow chart in ~~Fig. 7~~Figs. 7A and 7B of the correction value deciding processing using the interpolation method.